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SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING REVISED ANSWER:

"THE GOI, AS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO CURB INFLATION AND INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY, HAS USED THE EMERGENCY TO ENFORCE INCREASED LABOR DISCIPLINE AND ANTI-INFLATION MEASURES. THE NUMBER OF MAN DAYS LOST DUE TO LABOR DISPUTES HAS DECLINED DRAMATICALLY SINCE THE PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY. A LIMITED NUMBER OF STRIKES ARE STILL OCCURRING, ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN STRONG MEASURES TO DISCOURAGE THEM INCLUDING THE ARREST OF SOME UNION LEADERS. THE TWO LARGEST LABOR CONFEDERATIONS (INTUC, CONGRESS-R AND AITUC, CPI) HAVE GONE ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF THE EMERGENCY AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S 20 POINT PROGRAM. THOSE UNIONS ALIGNED WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE REFUSED TO ENDORSE THE EMERGENCY."

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